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Subject: Re: Draft memo on Bristol Bay

Jeff:

Fantastic news, thanks for the update.

-Palmer

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Palmer:

Phil North and I talked on Friday and this kick-off and planning meeting. Phil and I are developing a working agenda and are focusing on meeting the week of May 9th. Phil and I talk again at 5:00 today. More details coming.

Jeff

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Jeff:

Hope you had a good weekend. Have you had any success identifying dates that everyone can travel to Anchorage?

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Palmer:

Mike and I talked. No problem. I'll get back to you in a few days with suggestions for dates.

Jeff

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Jeff:

Mike and I discussed that the next step would be for you and the ORD technical team members that have been selected for participation on the assessment to identify dates that you are available to travel to Anchorage to meet and finish scoping out the assessment. The R10 technical team is eagerly anticipating this meeting and will work with you to accommodate your earliest possible dates. I will plan to attend as well.

As soon as you have identified dates that work for you and the rest of the ORD team please let me and Phil North know so that we can coordinate with the rest of the team.

We are all really looking forward to this meeting.

Thanks, Palmer

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Palmer:

Perhaps we can schedule a time you, Mike, and I can talk. The discussion would help develop that more complete vision for which we are all striving.

When might you be available tomorrow?

Jeff

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Mike

We would be very interested in roughing out a more complete vision of the plan so that we can identify any funding gaps and get them filled.

How would you like to proceed?

I'm on travel. Mobile number is: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy if you would like to talk.

Palmer

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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Mike

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Mike:

Has there been any headway on the ORD memo and/or finalizing the names of ORD's preliminary participants in the Assessment?

Thanks, Palmer

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Palmer: Thanks for the comments on this memo. Regarding the briefing for the House appropriations

staffer, would it be better for OW and the Region to indicate that ORD has been asked to provide support but has not yet made a final commitment?

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Mike:

Thanks for sharing this with us. Attached are our minor suggested edits, let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Palmer

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Palmer:

I would appreciate your comments on this draft memo. Note that I need a couple more days to confirm the ORD lead assessors. Also, I need to run this past ORD's interim National Program Directors (Safer and Sustainable Water Resources and Sustainable Communities). They have already been briefed and

are supportive of the commitment. I am in Richmond tomorrow and Wednesday at an ORD planning meeting and can work this memo in the evenings. I too would like to get this out asap so we can finally get started.

Mike

The Office of Research and Development (ORD) is pleased to offer our assistance to Region 10 and to the Office of Water for the Bristol Bay Assessment. The initial Agency statement on this assessment, described below in a February 7, 2011 press statement, is the basis for ORD's support.

(Anchorage, Alaska—Feb. 7, 2011) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will conduct a scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed to better understand how future large-scale development projects may affect water quality and Bristol Bay's salmon fishery, an extraordinary salmon resource for the United States. EPA initiated this assessment in response to concerns from federally-recognized tribes and others who petitioned the agency in 2010 to assess any potential risks to the watershed.

ORD recognizes the collaborative nature of this assessment and the progress already made by Region 10. The Region has formed an assessment team composed of EPA staff, contractors, and consultants. Additionally, the Region has developed an intergovernmental technical review process, an aggressive tribal consultation plan, and a public process that will make information available to these groups at frequent intervals in order to solicit their feedback.

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Mike:

Hope you had a great weekend. I was just checking in to see if you have had a chance to draft that email memo to R10 identifying ORD's first two Bristol Bay team members?

I know folks will be really excited to see this. I'd still be glad to give it a quick review as well.

Thanks, Palmer

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